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negotiations are concluded by the bargaining unit for those employees in that company, not just the bargaining unit, that that cost of the bargaining for those benefits only, only, not union dues or anything else, only that cost would be divided by employee, and then each employee should pay their fair share. That's all. It could be 12 bucks. Could be 8 bucks. It could be 40 bucks, but whatever it is, that's all it is. It's never more than whatever those costs were to develop those...those...those costs. And for whatever it's worth, those costs are going to be...going to be further defined by an amendment that Senator Tyson has, and I think that's great. I am going to support that amendment. I urge you to support that amendment, and wouldn't it be interesting if we put that amendment on every A bill that comes before the Legislature. I think everybody would like to know what the devil was in the details, so to speak. So I hope you support that amendment because we do. We want to make sure that those people who oppose LB 27 are satisfied that only those costs used to share with all the employees in the state...in the company are those legitimate and reasonable costs for negotiations. It's as simple as that. I would hope that, in spite of, I know you've gotten a lot of heat and pressure, and to tell you the truth, for years, since I've been here at least, I've tried to not introduce legislation where all of you were subject to this kind of pressure and, in fact, lies. I hate to say it but that's the truth, the lies on the part of those people that oppose it in some cases, not all cases, but in a lot of cases. They know the difference, and when they smile at you and say, well, I got the votes to beat you, that's when you really get your dander up because they shouldn't be smiling. They ought to be ashamed of themselves. If you win because you don't tell the truth it's disgraceful. It's disgraceful. And unfortunately, in the case of LB 27, that sort of thing is happening now. I appreciate the indications of support I've gotten from so many of you on the floor and I'm concerned that the reflections try to make it look like there's something less than integrity on the part of labor unions and bargaining units. In any case, that's not true. As far as I'm concerned, all of you that have benefits today, whether you belong to a bargaining unit or not, or whether you're a part of an administration of a company or not, whether you were in the military, wherever else you're at, you got benefits because a long time ago somebody suffered a lot to try